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Beauty lived on a farm in the country with her father, brothers and sisters. Although Beauty's father was once a rich merchant, he had lost most of his money.





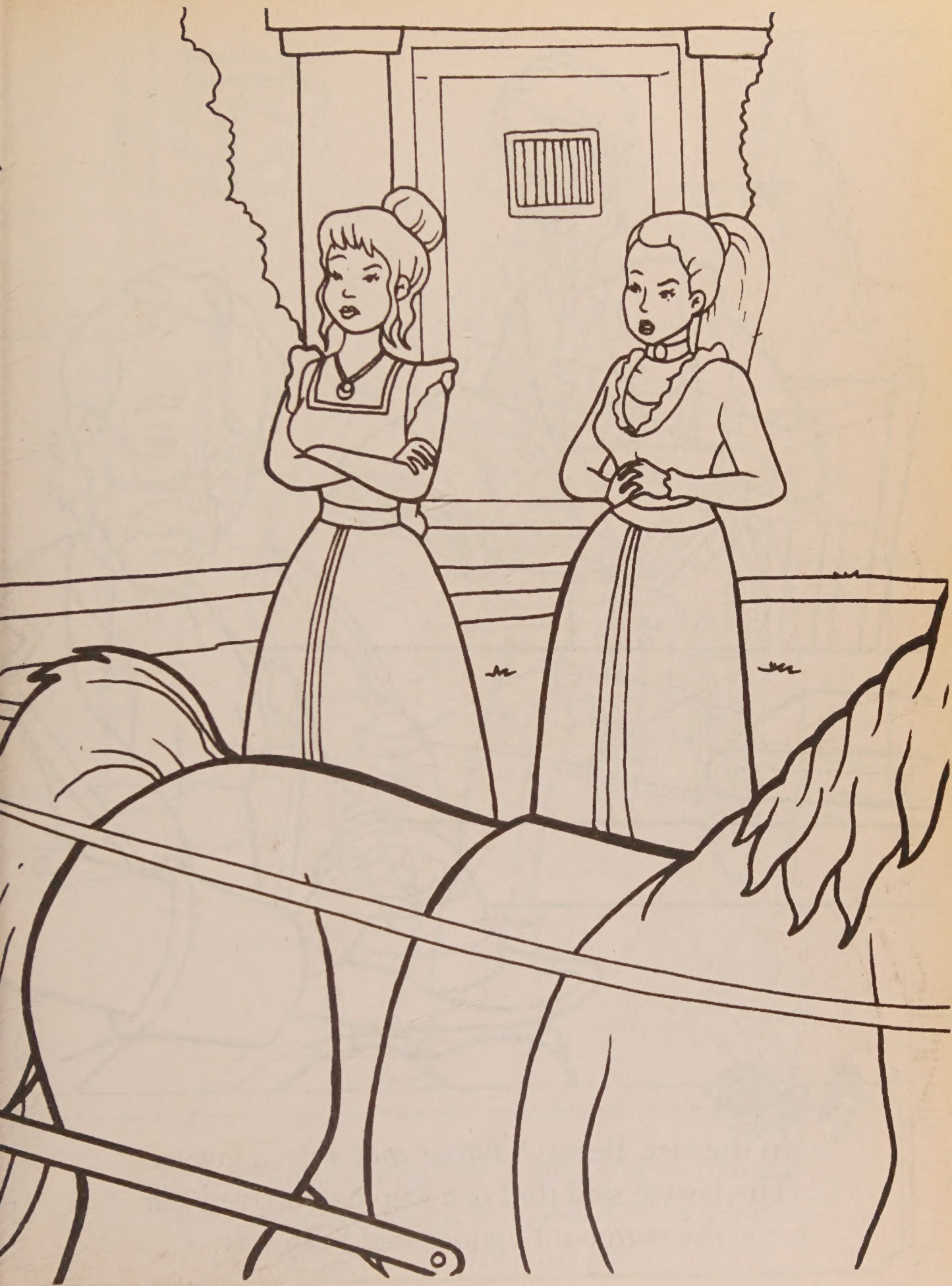
Beauty's brothers were good and worked hard. Her sisters were mean and lazy. They never helped Beauty with the household chores.

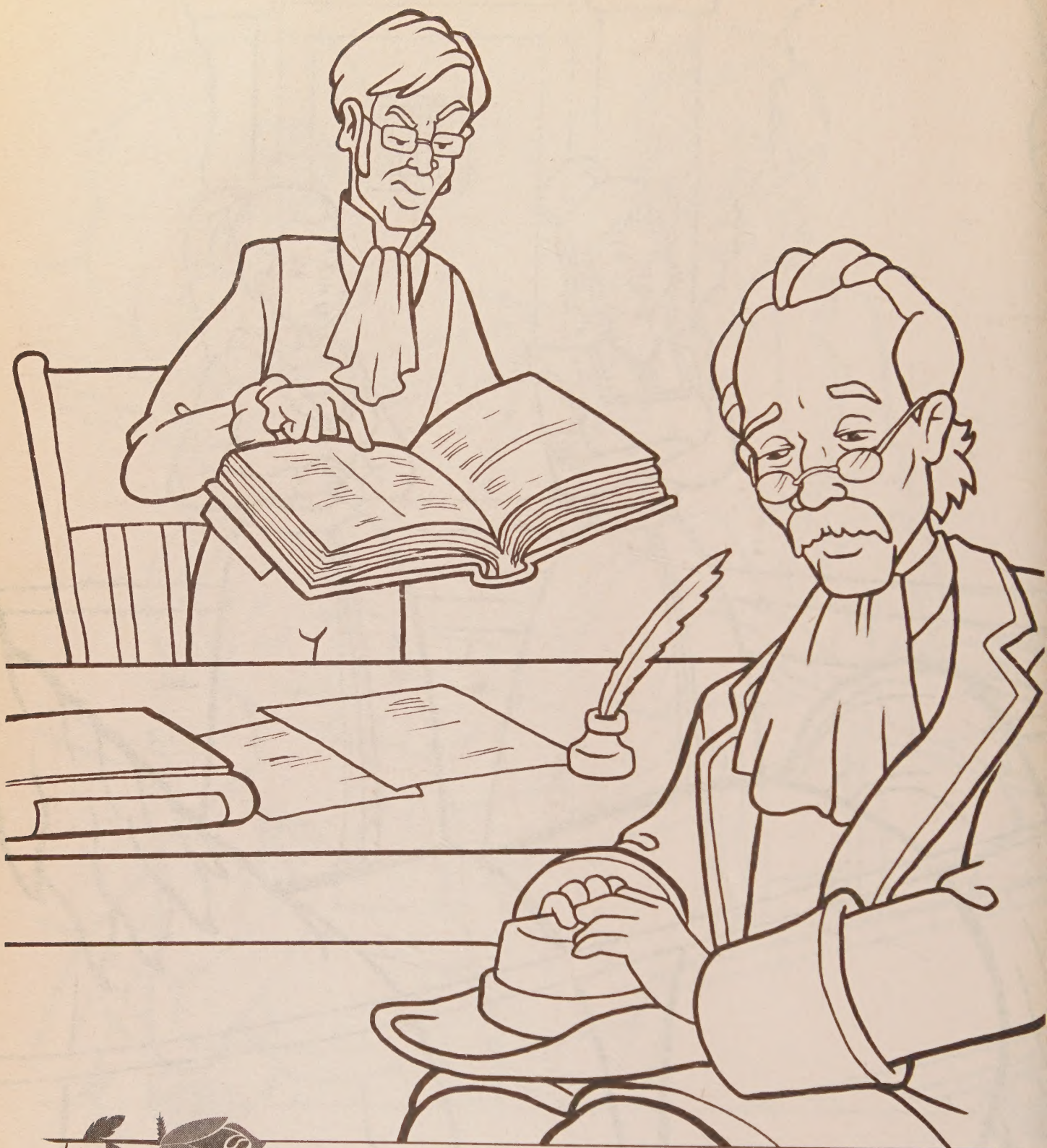


Beauty was kind and gentle.
Her sisters were very jealous of her.

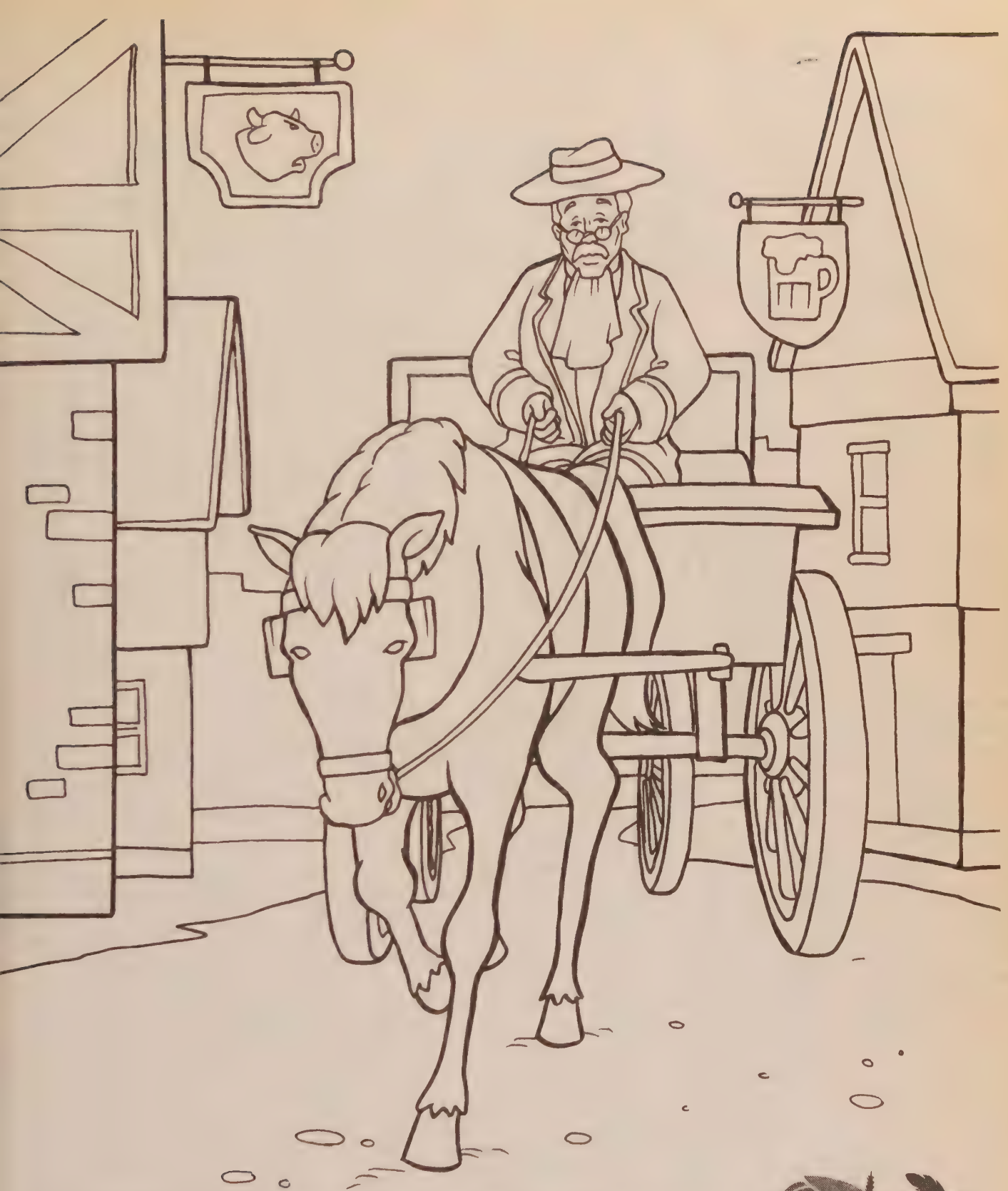


One day, their father went to the city. He had heard that a ship bearing some of his goods had arrived. Beauty's sisters asked him to bring back expensive presents for them. Beauty asked for a single rose.





In the city, Beauty's father met with a lawyer.
The lawyer said that the ship had arrived but
the merchant's goods had been lost.



The merchant started for home, empty-handed.
He could not afford the gifts that he had
promised to his children.

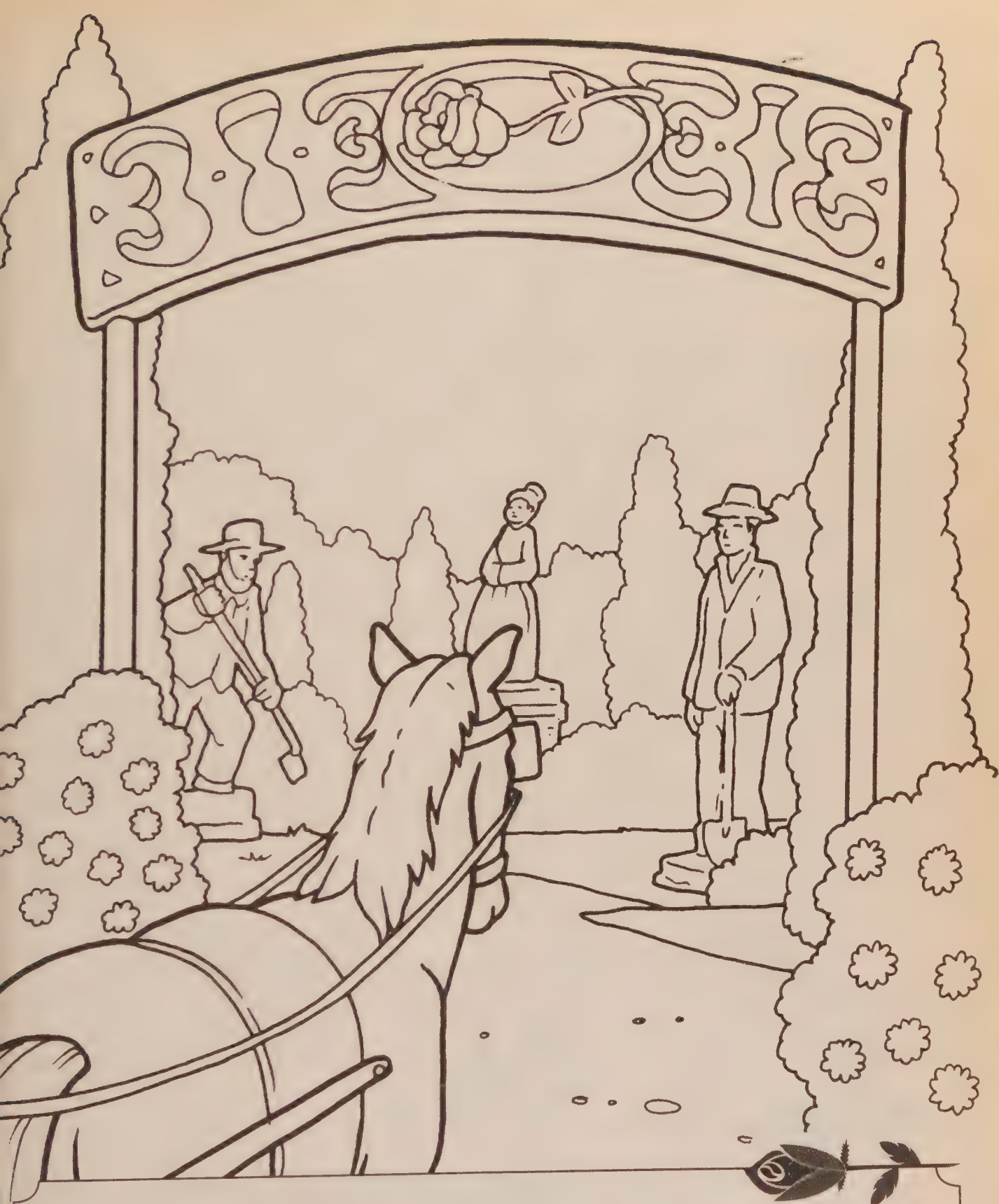


Soon, it grew cold and dark. The merchant lost his way in a thick forest. He heard wolves howling.

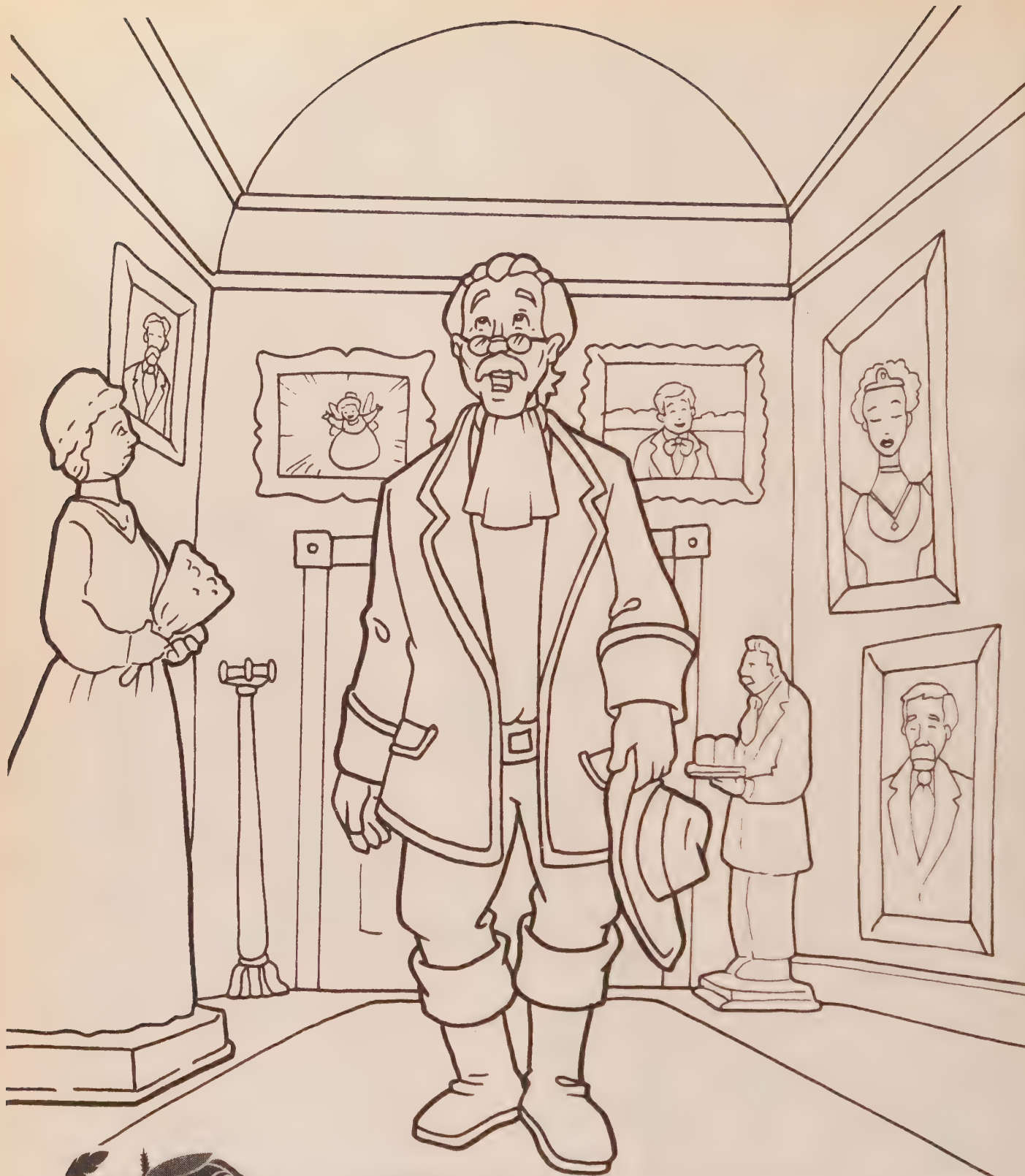




Just as he was about to give up hope,
he saw a beautiful castle.



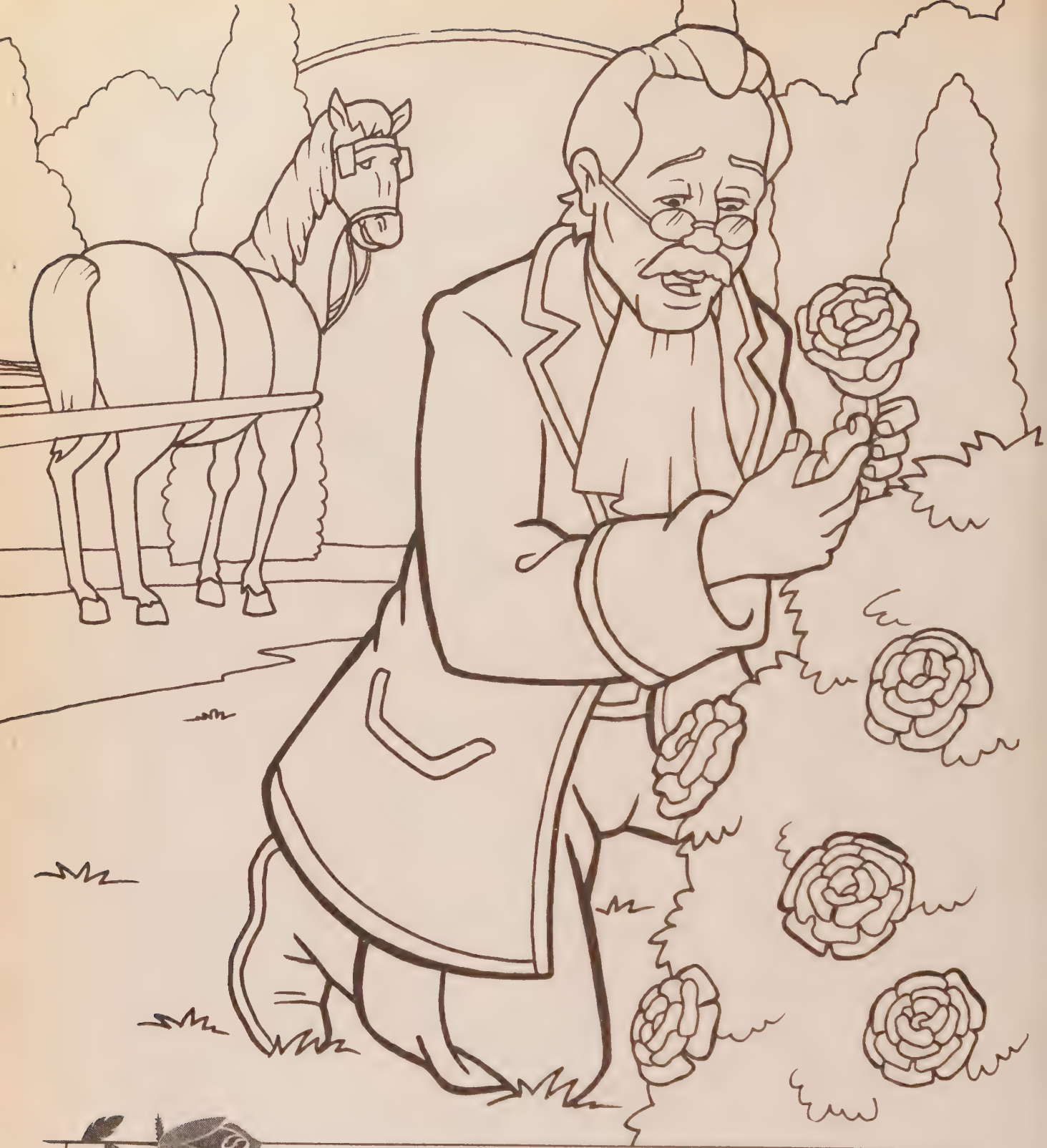
When he drew nearer, he saw lush gardens.
Riding through the gates, he noticed life-like
statues lining the path.



Everything was still and quiet. "I wonder who lives here," whispered the merchant as he entered the castle. "Perhaps the owner will allow me to stay the night."



The merchant came to a room with a roaring fire. On a table, someone had laid out supper. "This castle must be enchanted!" he said. After eating, the merchant fell asleep by the fire.



As he was leaving the next morning, the merchant saw a bush blooming with perfect, red roses. "At least Beauty will have what she asked for," he said. He bent down and picked one of the flowers.



Suddenly a terrifying Beast roared from behind,
“Ungrateful thief! This is the thanks I get for
welcoming you to my castle?”



"Please forgive me, kind sir!" said Beauty's father.
"My dear daughter asked for a rose! Her sisters and
brothers asked for expensive things."

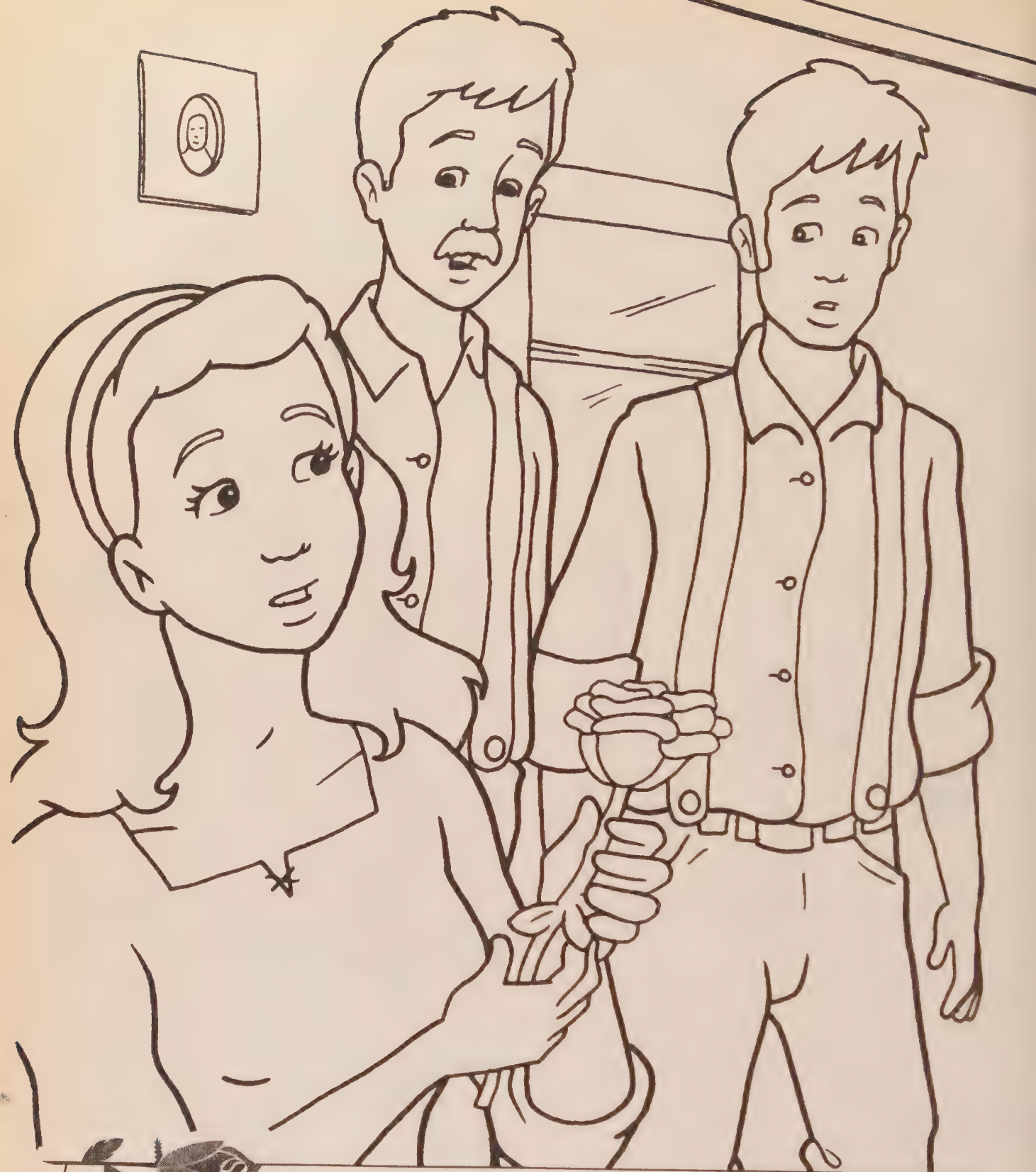


“I’ll forgive you and let you go safely home, but one of your daughters must come to my castle in your place! If not, you must return and be my prisoner forever.”

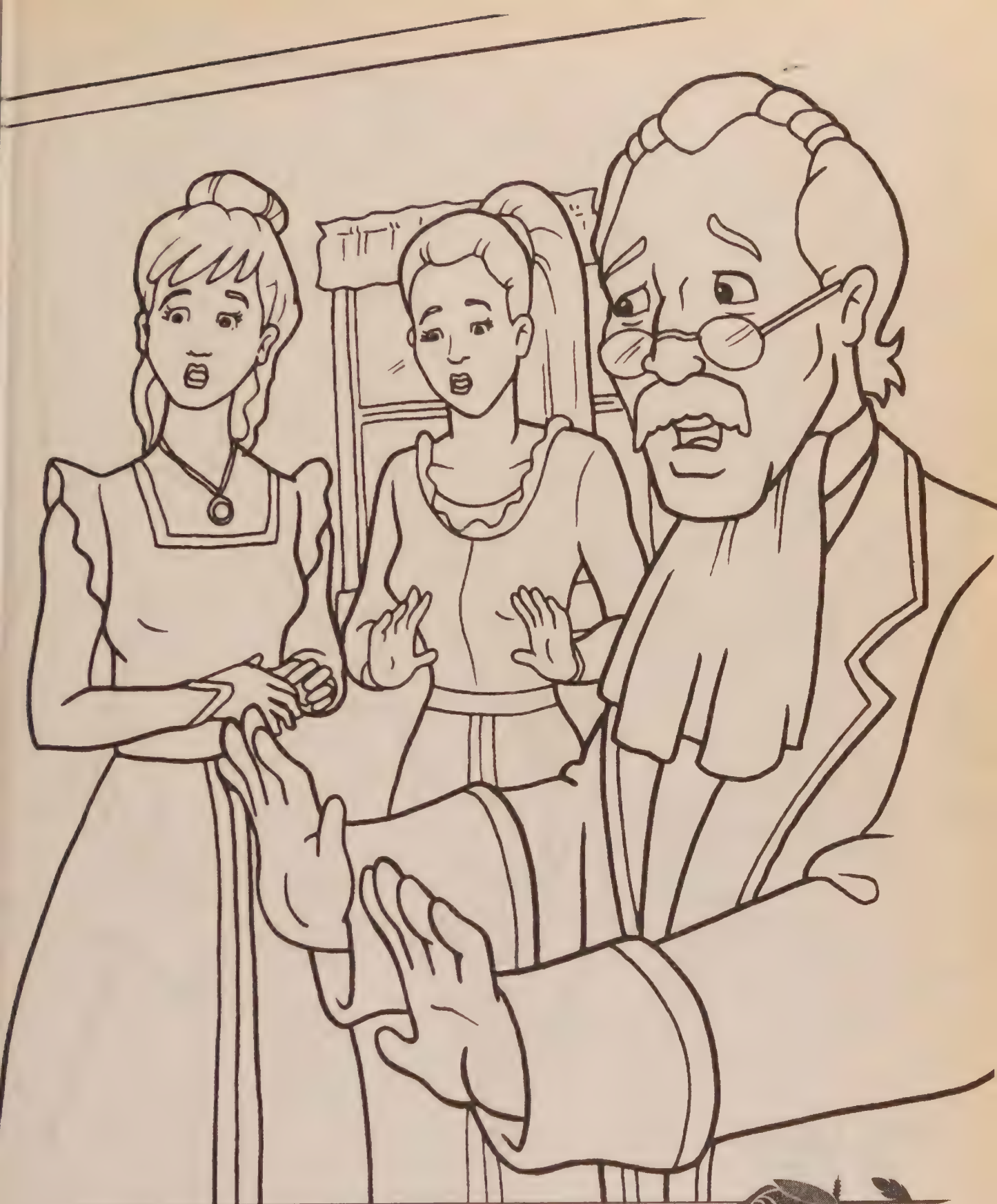


Sadly, the merchant said that he would go home to say good-bye to his children. Then he would return to the castle alone.





When the merchant told his family about the Beast, Beauty said, "Father, the rose you picked was for me. I will go to the castle in your place."



The merchant shook his head. He said that he could not allow Beauty to take his place.



Her sisters pretended to protest, but they wanted Beauty to leave. Beauty reassured her father that the Beast would not harm her.



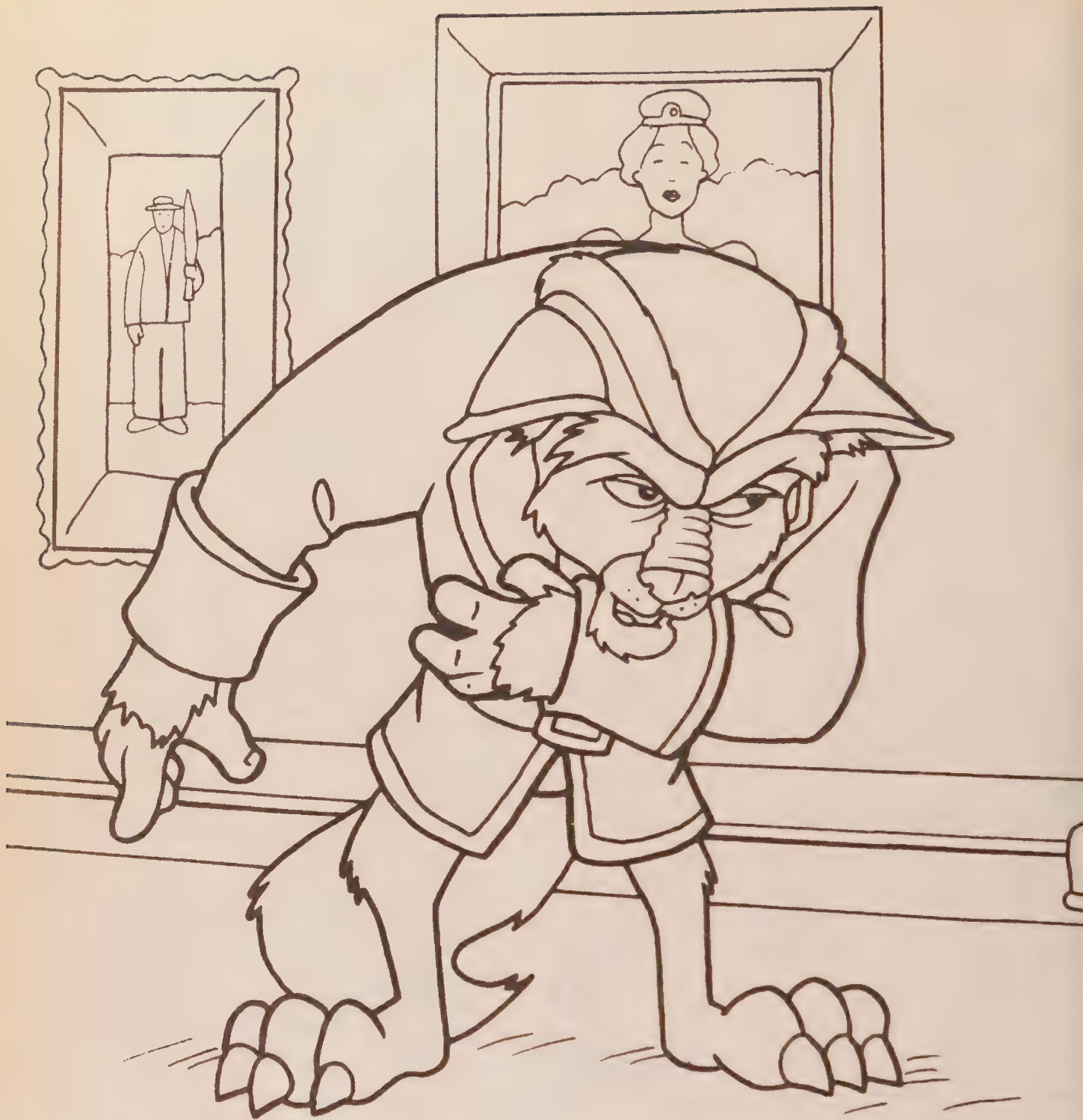
The next day, Beauty and her father journeyed deep into the forest, back to the enchanted castle.



Beauty agreed with her father that the castle must be enchanted. She thought she saw a handsome young man's reflection in a mirror.



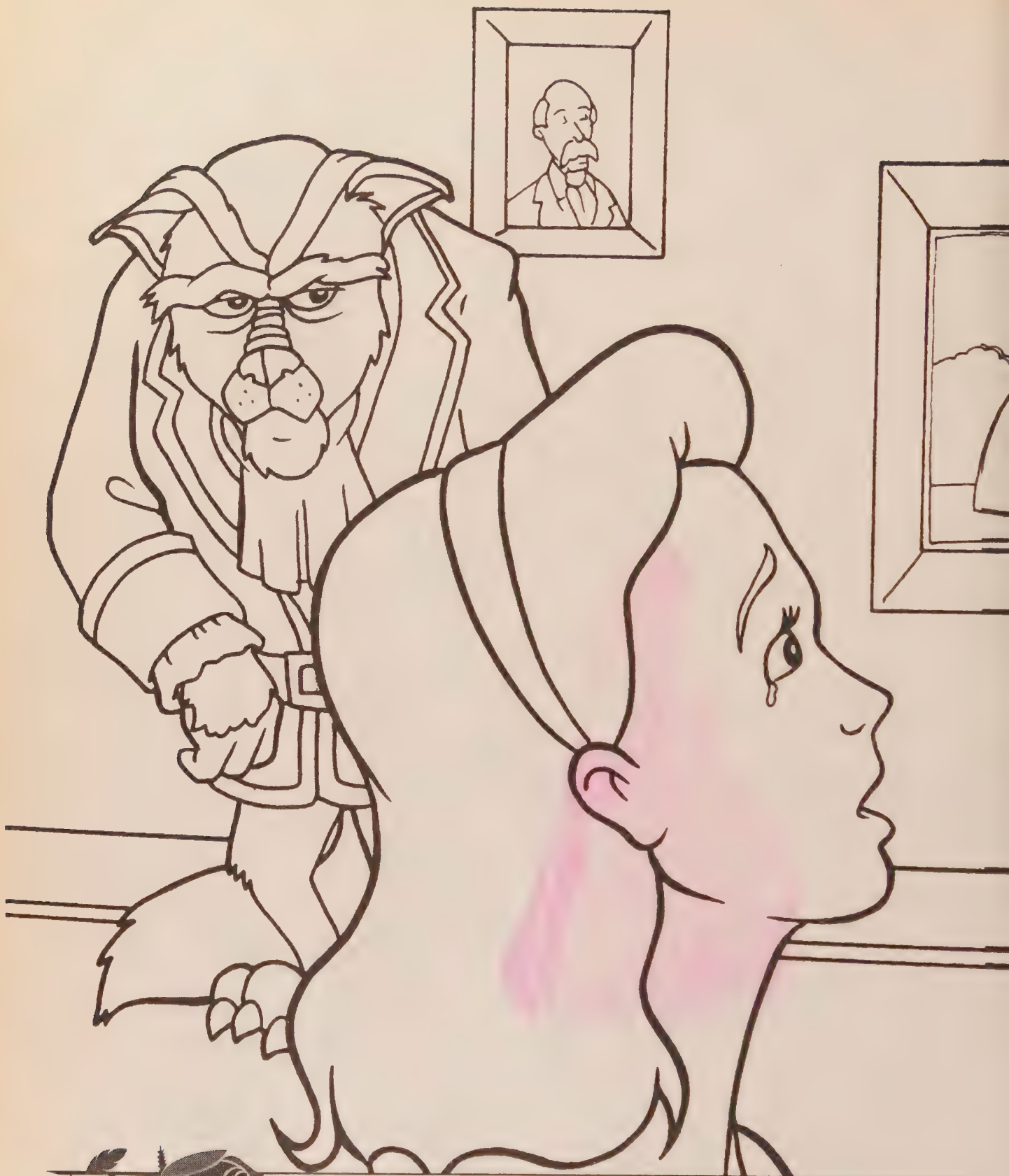
But when she turned, no one was there.



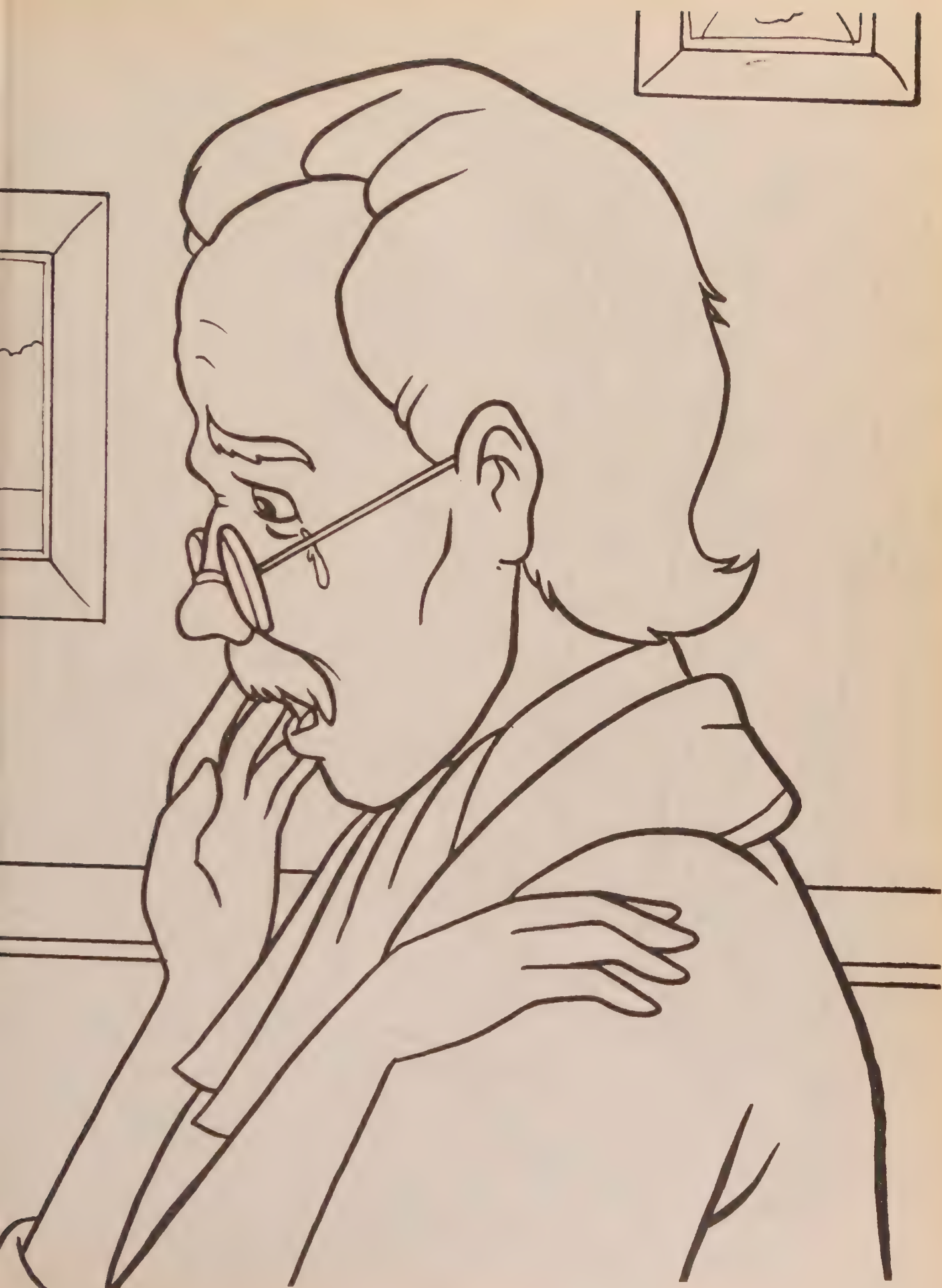
Just then, the Beast appeared before them. "Have you chosen to take your father's place?" he asked Beauty. "Yes," Beauty answered.

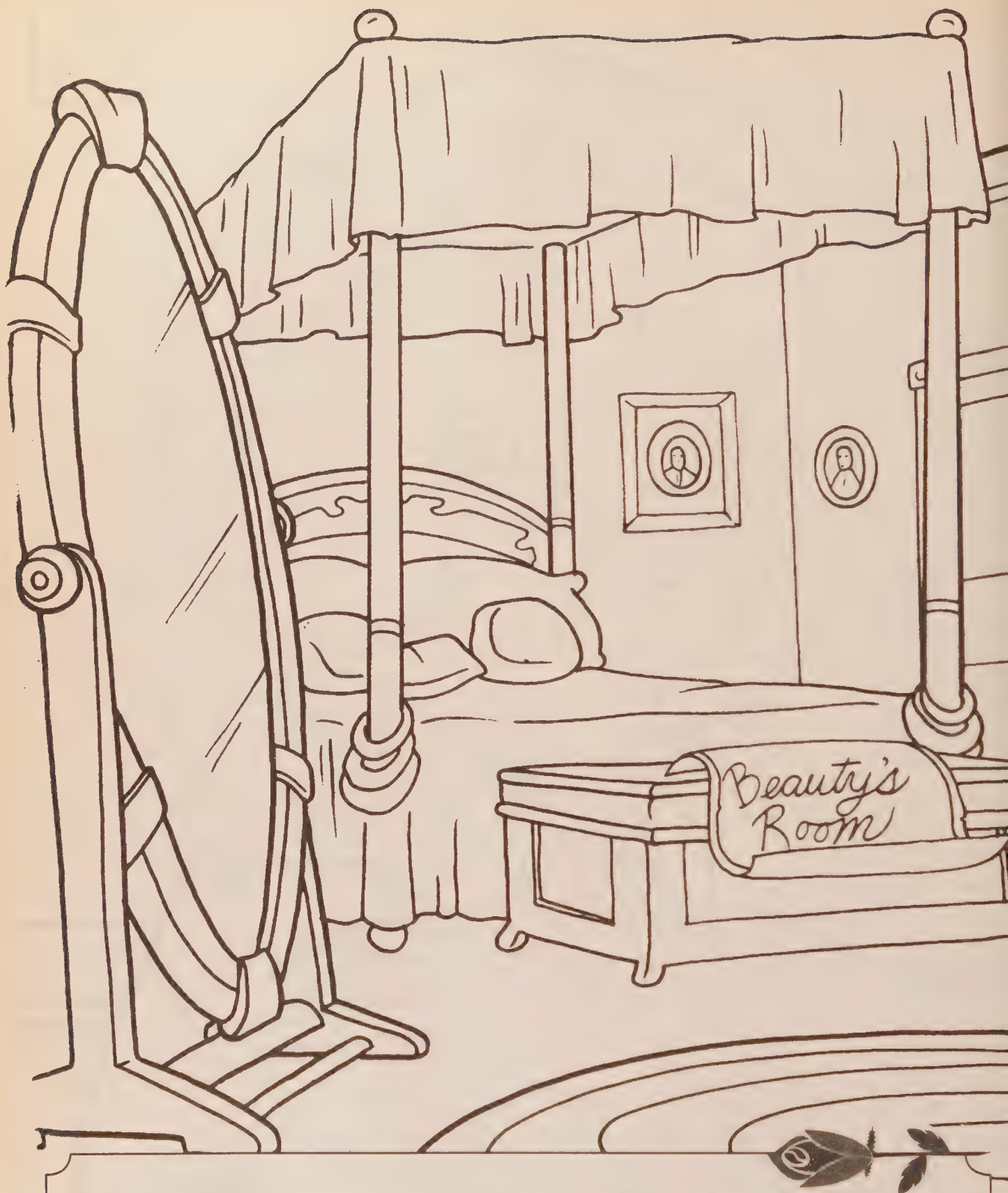


“You are brave and honorable,” said the Beast bowing. “You shall have anything you wish for here.”



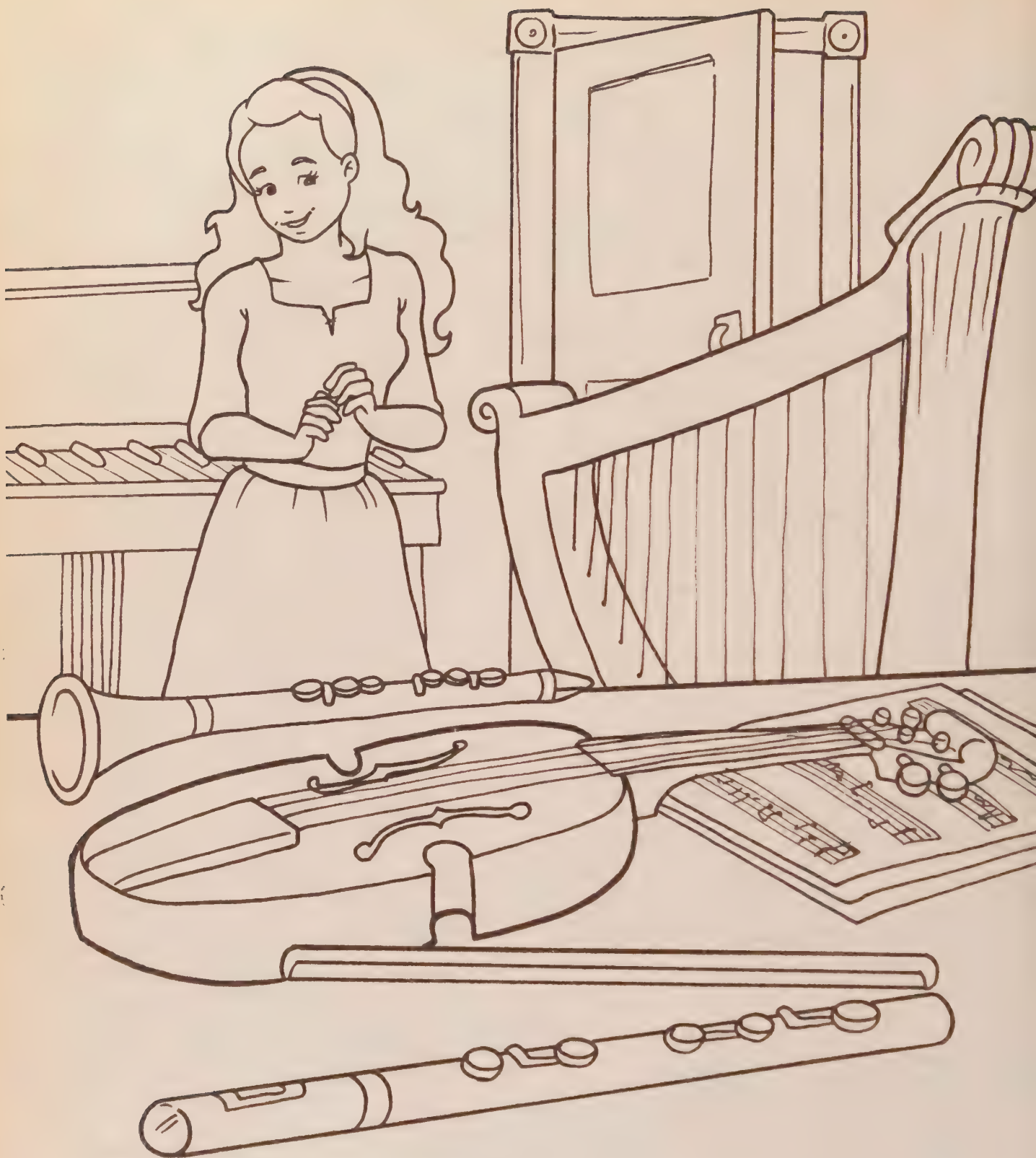
Beauty and her father said a tearful good-bye. He was terrified to leave her with the Beast.





Later, Beauty explored the castle. She found a room with a luxurious bed, beautiful gowns and a tall gilded mirror. A sign said, "Beauty's Room".





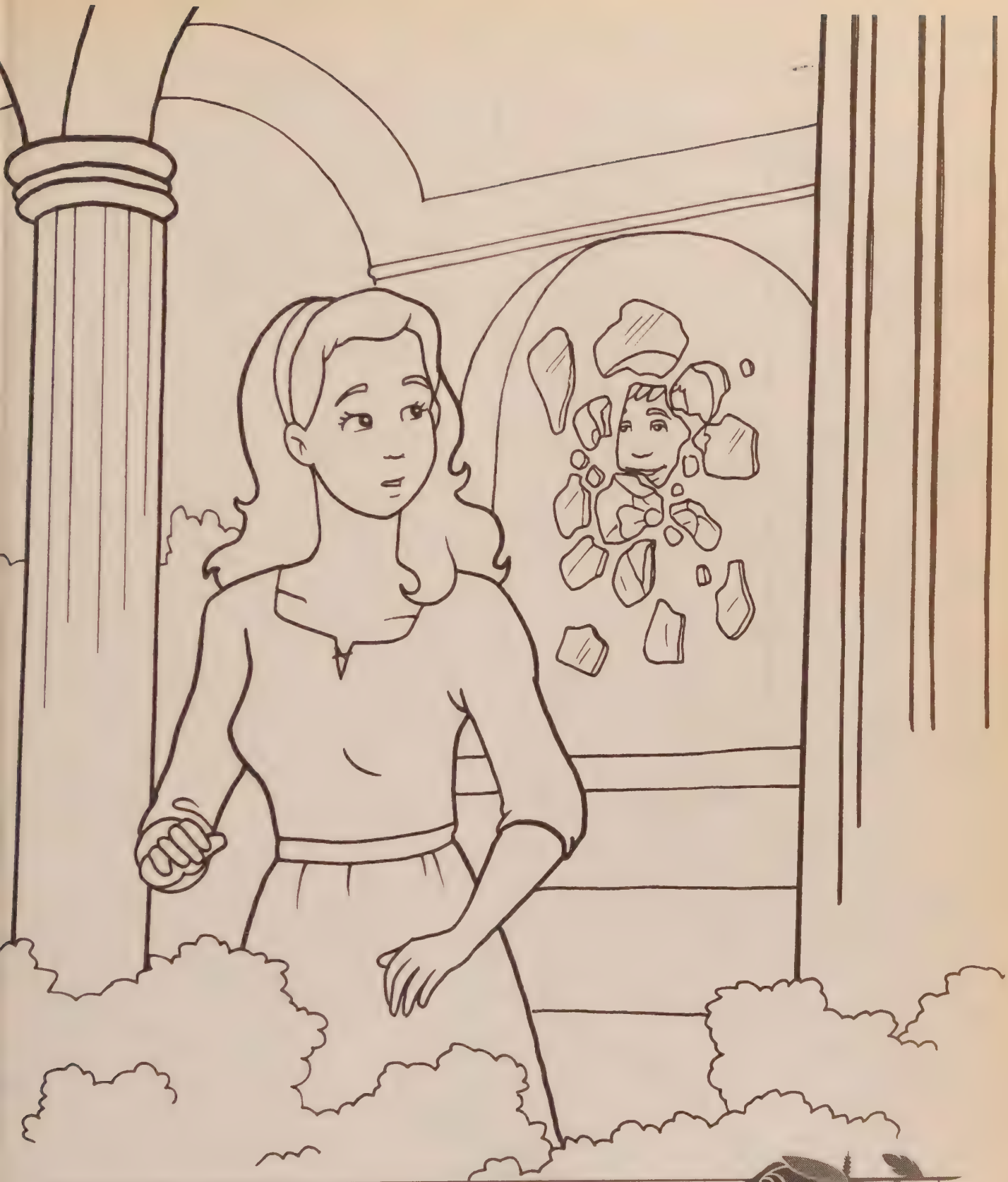
Next, she found a room with all of the musical instruments she liked to play.



In another room, she found beautiful fabric, perfect for the gowns and suits she liked to sew for her family.



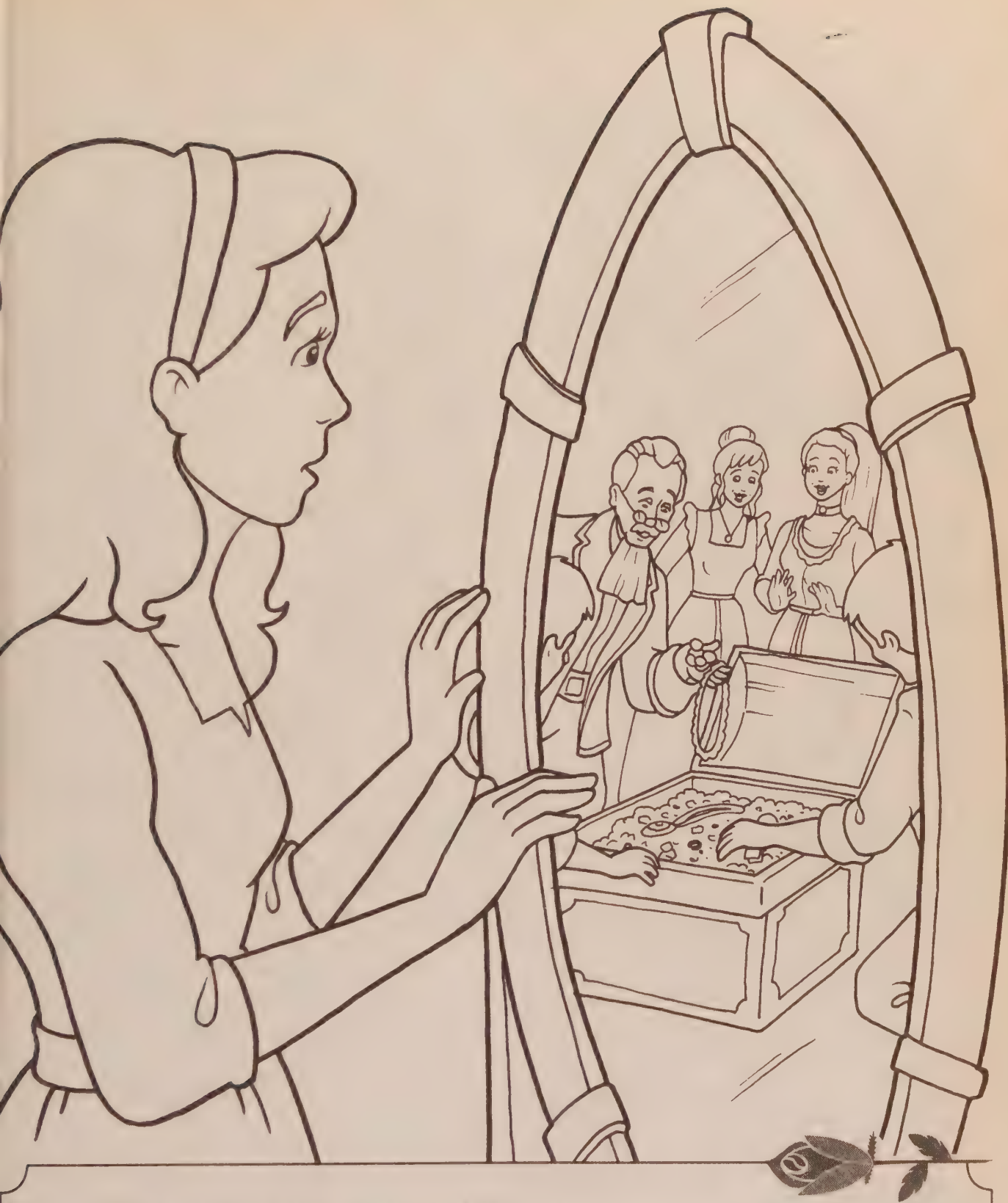
Beauty wandered among the strange statues in the gardens. "They look so real!" she said softly.



She came to a pavilion, covered in small pieces of mirror. Again, she thought she saw the reflection of a handsome young man—but no one was there!



Beauty returned to her room. "Everything I could ever want is here. But I miss my family and want them to be happy."



The mirror flashed, and Beauty saw a vision of her family. They were gathered around a chest filled with jewels and coins. Beauty knew that the Beast had sent the chest.



That night the Beast joined Beauty for dinner.
Despite his appearance, Beauty tried not to be afraid.
They talked about many things.



“Do not be deceived by appearances,” he whispered.



Next she dreamed that a beautiful fairy came to her.



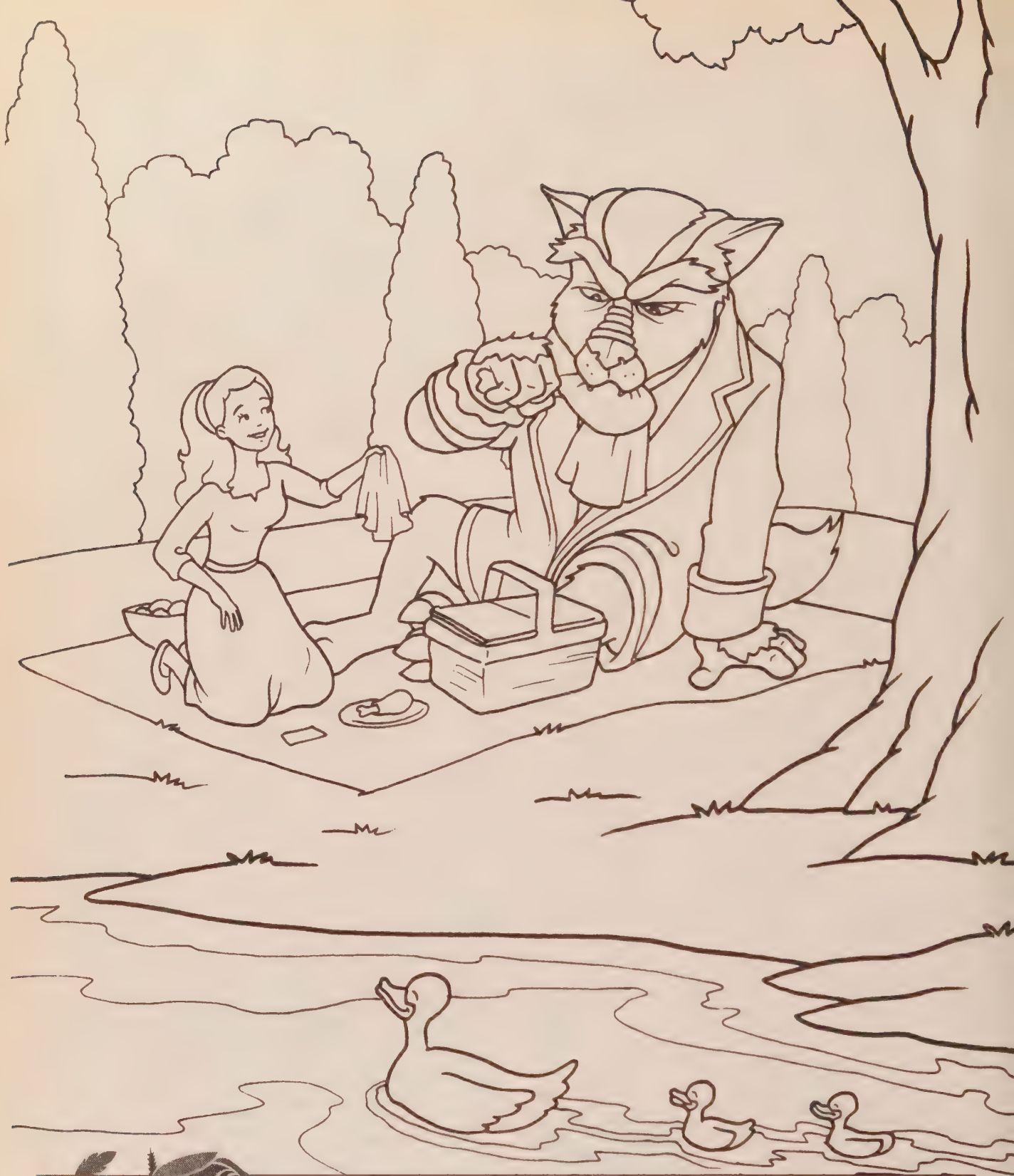
“Follow your heart, Beauty,” the fairy said, “and you will be rewarded with true happiness.”




As the days passed, Beauty spent more time exploring the castle. She found a room filled with books.



She discovered an indoor garden filled with colorful birds. They sang sweet songs to her.



Sometimes the Beast joined Beauty. She no longer feared him. They had become friends. Beauty wondered why the Beast was so sad.



The haunting image of the handsome young man
was never far from her mind. She wondered if
he was a prisoner at the castle.



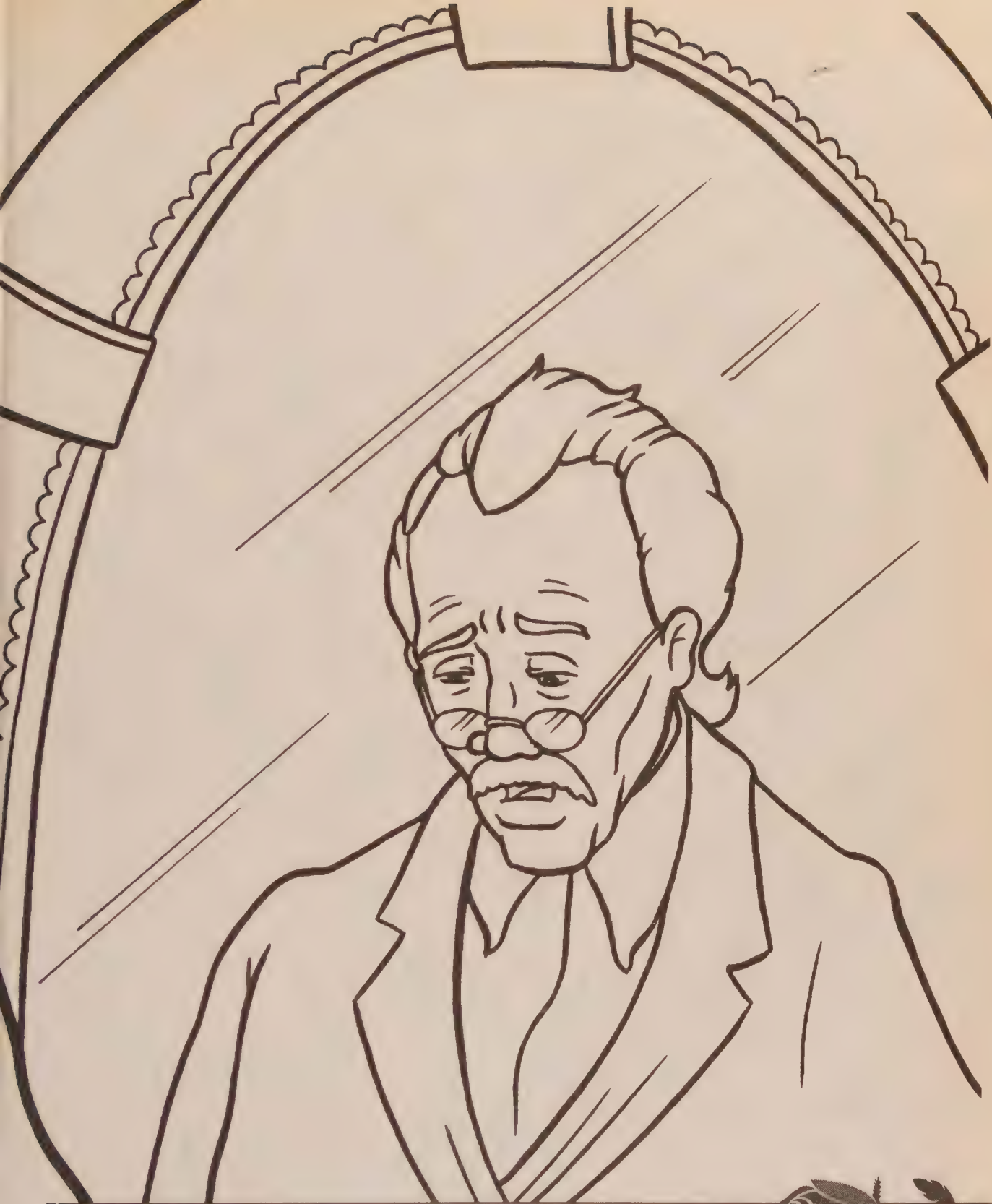
Each night the Beast joined Beauty for dinner.
He listened while Beauty spoke of her family
and her life in the country.



After dinner, he always asked her to marry him,
and she always gently refused.



While Beauty was happy at the castle, she often turned to the mirror in her room to see images of her family. She missed them terribly, even her sisters!



She began to notice that her father was very sad.
“If he knew that I am well and content, he would
be happy again,” she thought.



One day the Beast asked, "Beauty, are you happy here?" Beauty smiled sadly, "I am, but..."



She told the Beast that her father was sad without her. She asked him to let her visit her family.



The Beast sighed, "I want you to be happy, Beauty. Go to your family. But I would die if you left me forever."



Beauty looked tenderly at the Beast. He had been so kind to her and her family. "Beast, I will always be your friend. I promise to return in one week."



That evening Beauty went to sleep. In her dreams, she saw the fairy and the handsome young man.



In the morning, she awoke in her father's
house in the country!



Happily, she greeted her family.
Her father cried tears of joy.



That night, one sister said to Beauty, "Father will be so sad when you return to the Beast!" "Yes, surely he will die of sadness!" said the other.



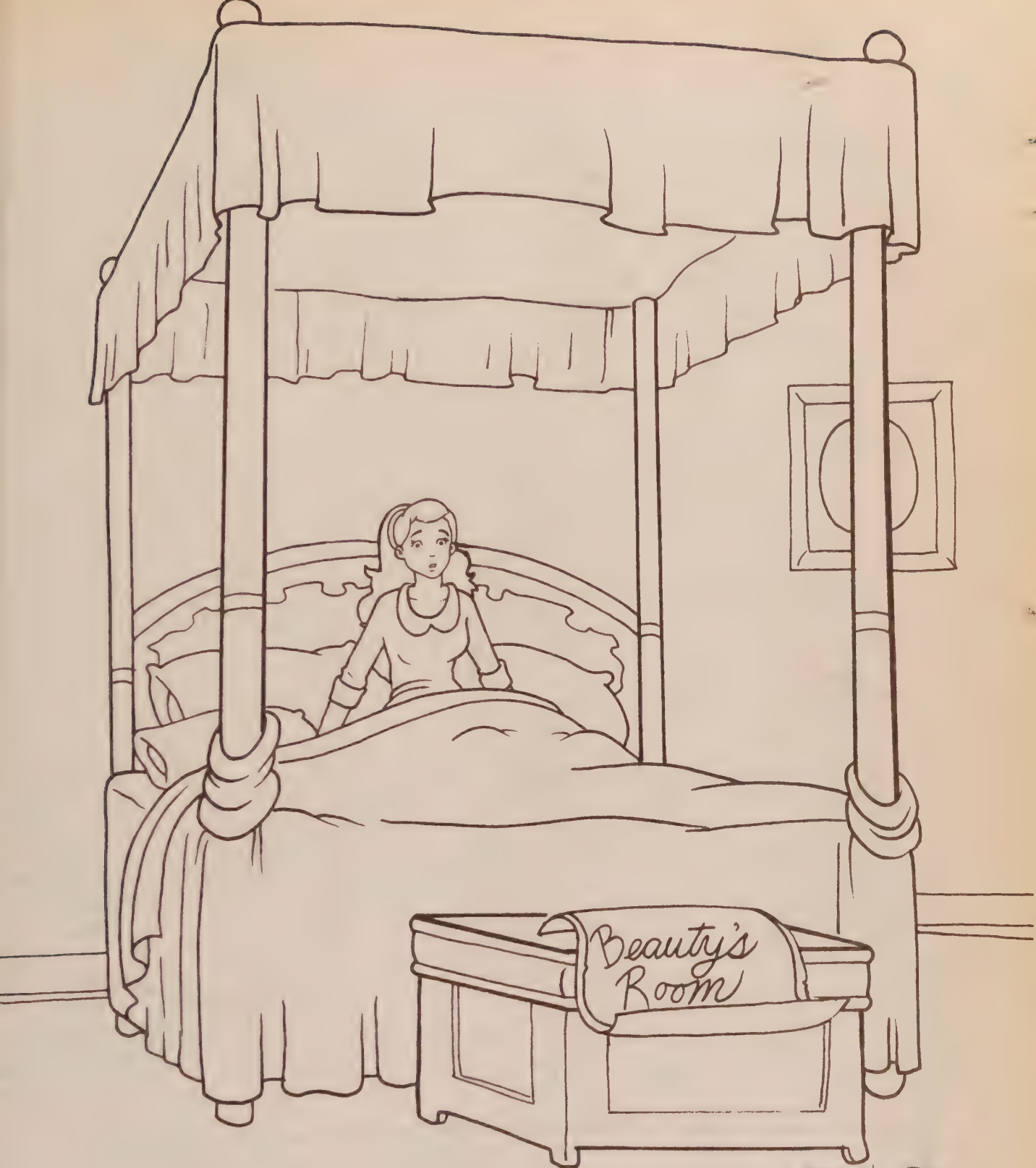
The sisters convinced Beauty that she belonged at home. Beauty agreed to stay a little while longer. She was unhappy, knowing that the Beast would be sad without her.



One night, Beauty dreamed that she was in the castle rose garden. The Beast lay on the ground, dying. "Beauty," he called, "why have you not returned to me?"



“No!” Beauty cried, awakening with a start. She began to cry. “Do not die, Beast,” she whispered.



She closed her eyes tightly and wished, "I want to return to my Beast." When she opened them again, she was in the castle.



Beauty looked everywhere for the Beast, but the castle was empty.

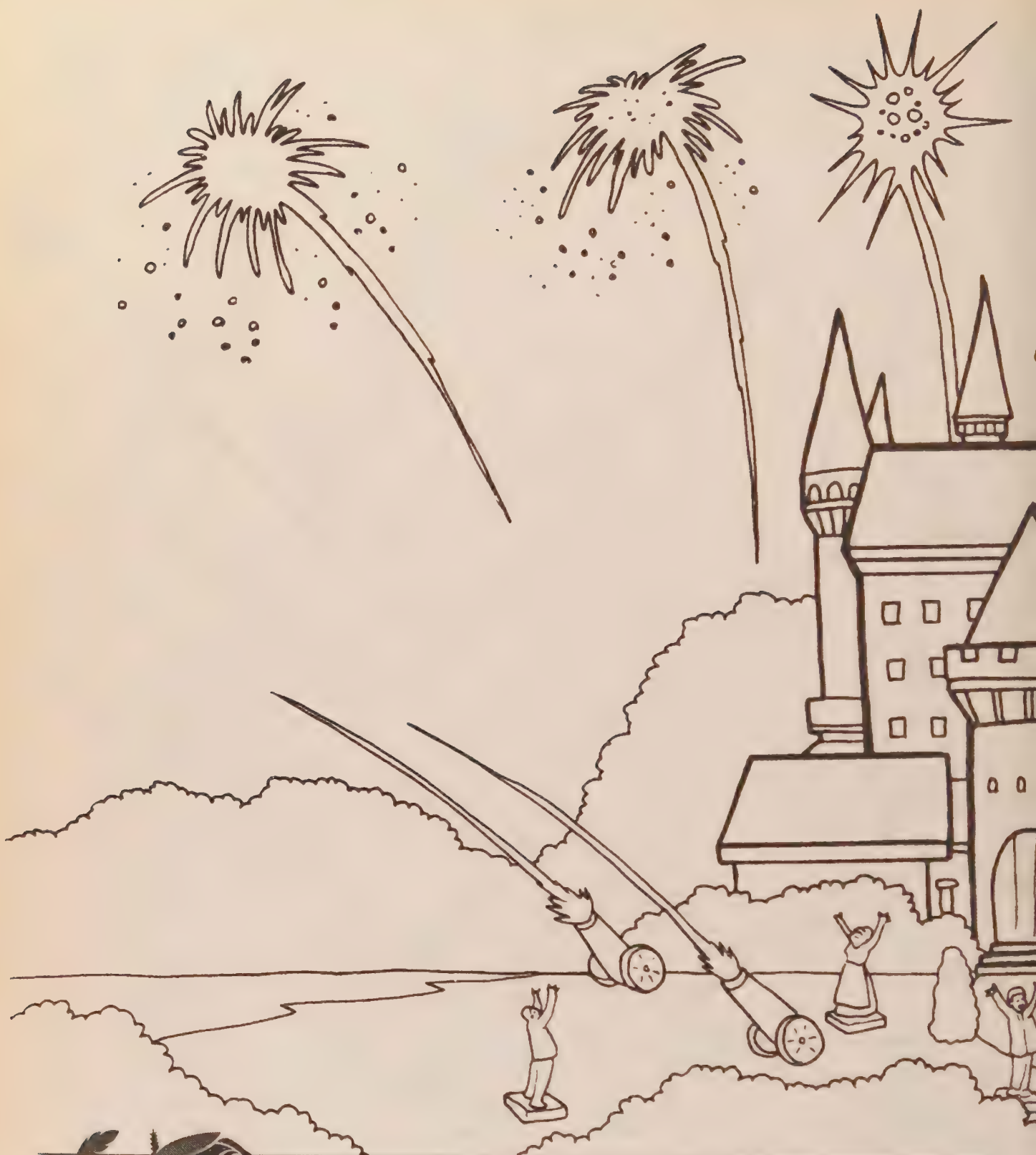


At last she found him lying in the garden, just like in her dream. He was very weak, and could barely breathe. "You did not return," he gasped.



Beauty knelt by his side and held his hand.
"Beast, you must not die!" she begged.
"I love you. I will marry you!"





Fireworks went off above the palace. Cannons blasted. Music swelled around them. The stone statues came alive and joyfully clapped their hands.



But Beauty barely noticed the celebration
as she wept for the Beast.



When Beauty wiped away her tears, the Beast was gone. The handsome young man in the mirror had taken his place! "Who are you? Where is my Beast?" she cried.



“Beauty, *I* am the Beast. I am also the prince of this castle. Your love has broken an evil spell under which I have suffered for years.”



As Beauty and the prince embraced, a beautiful chariot arrived. It carried a majestic queen—the prince's mother—and the kind fairy from Beauty's dreams.



“Thank you for saving my son!” the queen said.



“Long ago, an evil fairy wanted my kingdom and put a spell on me,” the prince explained. “She turned me into the Beast.”



The evil fairy had cared for the young prince at his father's castle after the king died and while the queen went to defend the country at war.



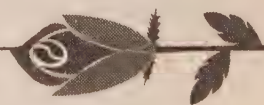
When the queen returned, the evil fairy demanded that she be the prince's advisor.



The fairy wanted to be a powerful ruler.



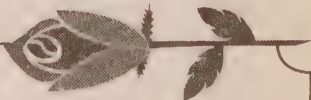
When his mother refused, the evil fairy became angry. "You shall pay for this!" she cried.



The prince fell, but could not lift himself up. His hands had become huge paws and his body was heavy.



The prince and his mother were devastated, but
the kind fairy arrived to help them.



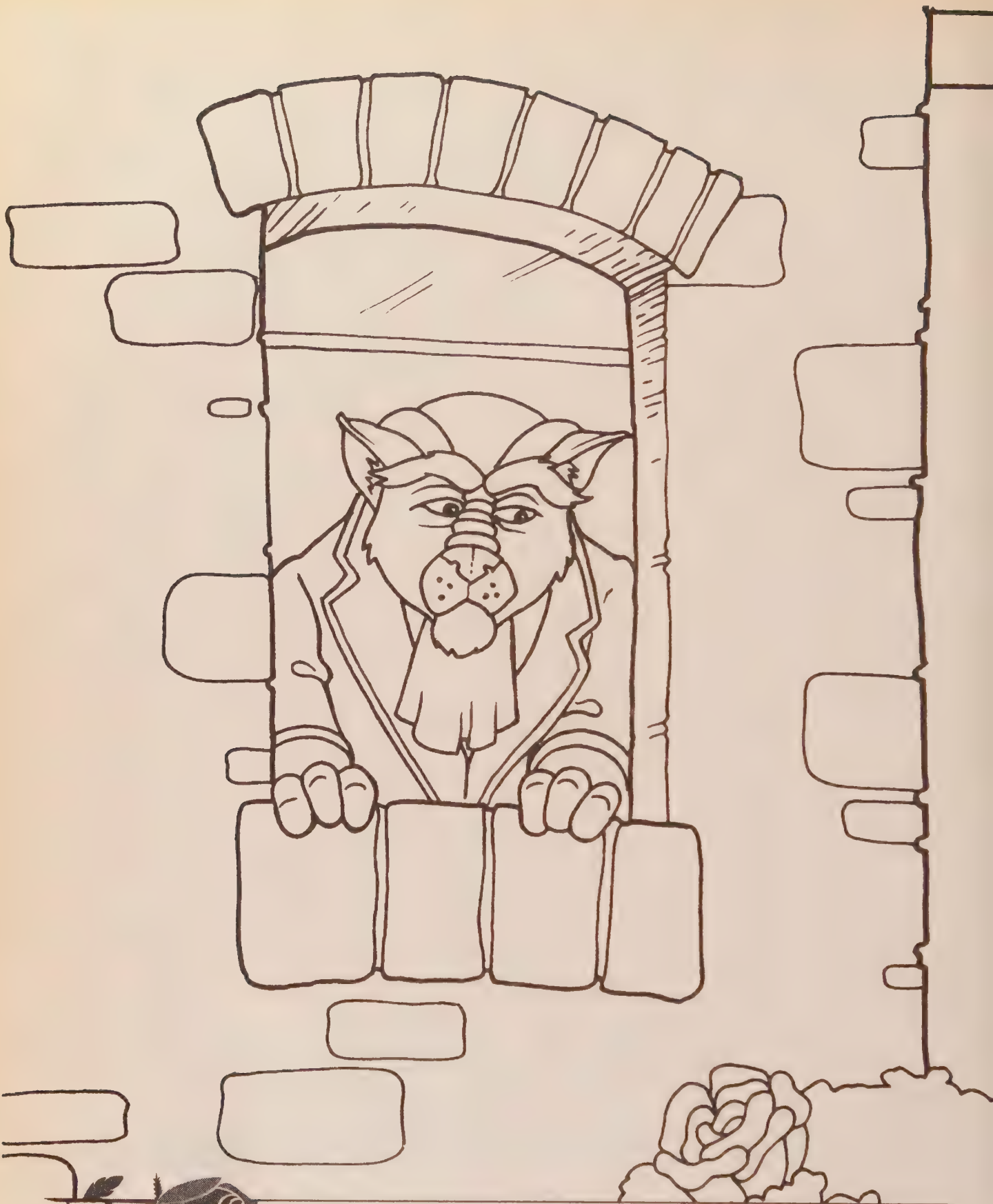
"It will take time, but hope and love can heal all wounds," she said gently. "One day, the evil spell will be broken by a beautiful girl with a good heart."



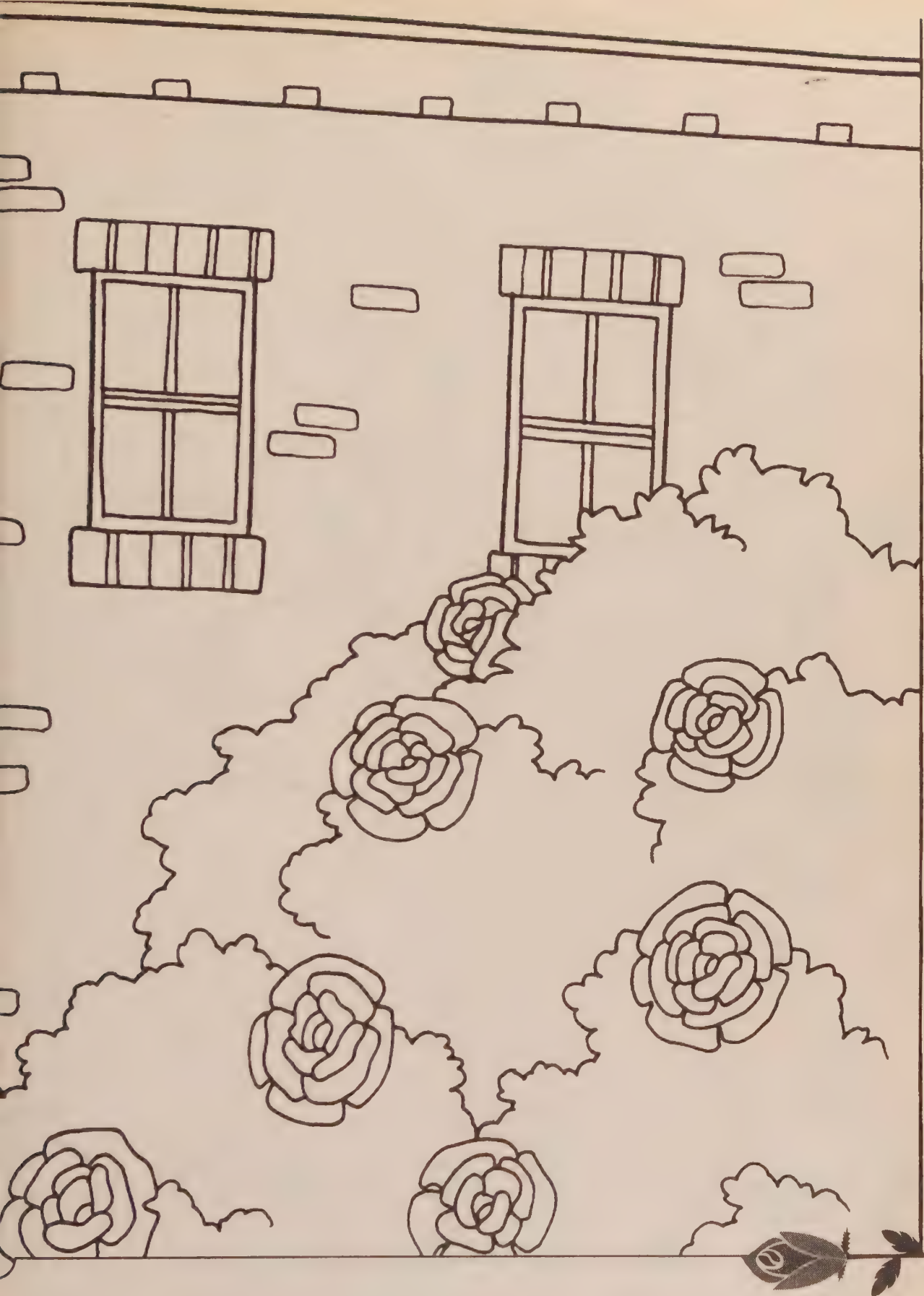
“What about the people who have seen this happen?” the queen asked. “Word will spread and no one will love the prince truly!”



"I will cast a spell to keep them frozen in time until the evil spell is broken," the kind fairy said. She waved her wand and they turned into statues.



The Beast lived alone in the castle for years, waiting for the girl who would love him and break the spell.



He passed the time by caring for his beautiful roses.



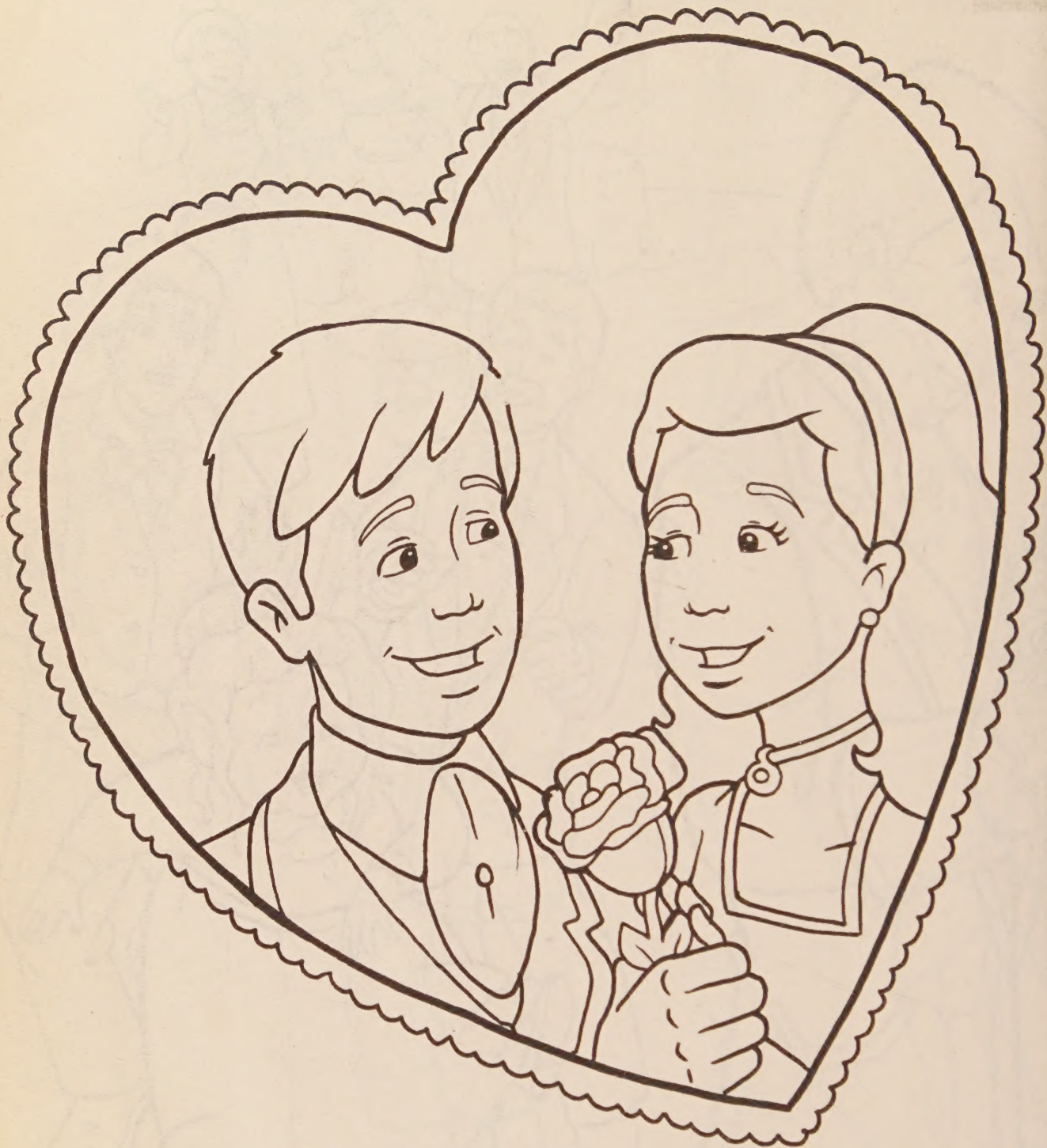
"Beauty, you saw that beneath my appearance,
I had a gentle heart and would love and protect
you always," the prince said.





The next day, Beauty and the Beast were married.
Beauty's family came for the celebration.





While the festivities continued, Beauty and the prince slipped off to a quiet place. They were happy because they knew they would live happily ever after.

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